

Plainfield, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

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County
 Labor Market Area
 Tourism Region
 Planning Commission
 Regional Development

Sullivan
Lebanon NH-VT Micro-NECTA, NH Portion
Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee
Upper Valley Lake Sunapee
Capital Regional Development Council

Election Districts
 US Congress
 Executive Council
 State Senate
 State Representative

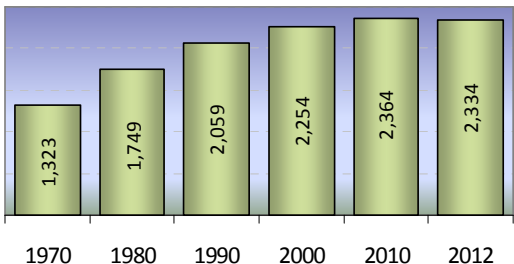
District 2
District 1
District 5
Sullivan County Districts 1, 9

Incorporated: 1761

Origin: Settled by a group from Plainfield, Connecticut, Plainfield is one of the towns chartered by Governor Benning Wentworth in 1761 at the beginning of the reign of King George III. A part of Plainfield with a portion of Grantham was separated into Meriden Parish in 1780. Meriden became the site of Kimball Union Academy, established in 1813. Daniel Kimball donated a large collection of books to the town for a library in 1797, along with \$6,000 for a school, to which his widow added \$40,000. The entire Meriden Parish was annexed to Plainfield in 1856.

Villages and Place Names: East Plainfield, Hell Hollow, Meriden, Mill Village, Coryville, Plainfield Village

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 1,024 residents in 1790



Population Trends: Population change for Plainfield totaled 1,263 over 52 years, from 1,071 in 1960 to 2,334 in 2012. The largest decennial percent change was an increase of 32 percent between 1970 and 1980, following a 24 percent increase over the previous decade. The 2012 Census estimate for Plainfield was 2,334 residents, which ranked 128th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2010 (US Census Bureau): 45.3 persons per square mile of land area. Plainfield contains 52.2 square miles of land area and 0.8 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES		
Type of Government	Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2013	\$21,137,280	
Budget: School Appropriations, 2013	\$6,083,743	
Zoning Ordinance	1959/10	
Master Plan	2013	
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board	

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen; Library
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Conservation

Public Library **Meriden; Philip Read Memorial**

EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department	Full-time		
Fire Department	Volunteer		
Emergency Medical Service	Volunteer		
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Med Ctr, Lebanon	13 miles	388	
Alice Peck Day Memorial, Lebanon	10 miles	25	

UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier	PSNH; Granite State; NH Electric Coop		
Natural Gas Supplier	None		
Water Supplier	Plainfield/Meriden Village District		
Sanitation	Private septic		
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes		
Solid Waste Disposal	Municipal		
Curbside Trash Pickup	Municipal		
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	Yes		
Recycling Program	Voluntary		
Telephone Company	Fairpoint		
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes		
Cable Television Access	Yes		
Public Access Television Station	No		
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	Yes	
	Residential	Yes	

PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)
2012 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$24.45	
2012 Equalization Ratio	106.1	
2012 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$25.50	
2012 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type		
Residential Land and Buildings	92.1%	
Commercial Land and Buildings	4.4%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	3.5%	

HOUSING		(ACS 2008-2012)
Total Housing Units	939	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	847	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:		
Two to Four Units in Structure	22	
Five or More Units in Structure	0	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	70	

DEMOGRAPHICS		(US Census Bureau)
Total Population	Community	County
2012	2,334	43,074
2010	2,364	43,742
2000	2,254	40,560
1990	2,059	38,652
1980	1,749	36,063
1970	1,323	30,949

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2008-2012

Population by Gender		
Male	1,319	Female 1,251

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	106
Age 5 to 19	598
Age 20 to 34	286
Age 35 to 54	782
Age 55 to 64	467
Age 65 and over	331
Median Age	44.5 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	95.6%
Bachelor's degree or higher	50.2%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2008-2012)
Per capita income	\$40,404	
Median 4-person family income	\$101,500	
Median household income	\$99,432	
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers		
Male	\$57,399	
Female	\$50,417	
Individuals below the poverty level	2.2%	

LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)
Annual Average	2002	2012
Civilian labor force	1,485	1,559
Employed	1,454	1,512
Unemployed	31	47
Unemployment rate	2.1%	3.0%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)
Annual Average Covered Employment	2002	2012
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	85	86
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 382	\$ 471
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	283	300
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 553	\$ 703
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	368	386
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 513	\$ 651
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	32	35
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 290	\$ 459
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	400	421
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 495	\$ 635

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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Plainfield operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are tuitioned to Lebanon**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Hartford Area Career and Technical Center, White River Junction VT**

District: **SAU 32**
 Region: **7**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			2
Grade Levels	K 1-8			1-12
Total Enrollment	231			337

Nearest Community College: **River Valley**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Dartmouth; Lebanon; Colby-Sawyer**

2013 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: **3** Total Capacity: **34**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Kimball Union Academy	Private school		
North Country Door	Cabinet, door manufacturing		
Town Line Equipment	Heavy equipment dealer		
McNamara Dairy	Glass bottle milk		
Taylor Farm	Maple & cheese products		
Garfield's Smokehouse	Smoked products		
Edgewater Farm	Farmstand, greenhouses, & PYO strawberries		
Riverview Farm	PYO apples & berries		

TRANSPORTATION (*distances estimated from city/town hall*)

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	12A, 120
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-89, Exit 15
	Distance	7 miles
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Lebanon Municipal	Runway	5,496 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Lebanon Municipal	Distance	10 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		1
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		68 miles
Portland, Maine		153 miles
Boston, Mass.		118 miles
New York City, NY		263 miles
Montreal, Quebec		192 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (*ACS 2008-2012*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	82.1%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	5.7%
Public transportation	0.5%
Walked	4.7%
Other means	1.1%
Worked at home	6.0%
Mean Travel Time to Work	23.0 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2008-2012

Working in community of residence	19.4
Commuting to another NH community	68.5
Commuting out-of-state	12.1

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Mount Sunapee, Mount Ascutney (VT)**

Other: **Meriden Covered Bridge; Annual 4th of July Parade; Maxfield Parrish Stage Set**